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MEETING WITH SECRETARY DESIGNATE VANCE, MORNING OF

DECEMBER 7, 1976

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1. MARVIN KALB, CBS RADIO, FIRST LINE REPORT:

QUOTE: THE TWO SECRETARIES HAVE MET, THE OUTGOING AND THE
INCOMING, AND CONTINUITY IS THE THEME IN AMERICAN FOREIGN
POLICY, THOUGH TACTICS AND STYLE MAY CHANGE.

HENRY KISSINGER IS LEAVING OFFICE ON JANUARY 20, AND
CYRUS VANCE WILL THEN MOVE INTO THE ELEGANT, SEVENTH-
FLOOR OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. KISSINGER
FLAMBOYANT, CONTROVERSIAL, HIS OWN DESK OFFICER FOR MANY
OF THE WORLD'S TROUBLE SPOTS; VANCE - AN ESTABLISHMENT
LAWYER, LOW KEY, EXPERIENCED, READY HE SAYS TO DELEGATE
RESPONSIBILITY. THOUGH THE CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE TWO MEN
ARE SHARP - THERE WILL BE DIFFERENCES IN STYLE AND TACTICS-
THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THEM ARE STRONG. BOTH MEN SEE
THE UNITED STATES IN A PIVOTAL ROLE, LEADING A SHRINKING
CIRCLE OF OPEN SOCIETIES IN A CONTINUING STRUGGLE FOR
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INFLUENCE WITH AN EXPANDING CIRCLE OF CLOSED SOCIETIES.

THE TERMS ARE TARNISHED THESE DAYS - OPEN AND CLOSED - BUT

THEY HAVE NOT LOST THEIR ESSENTIAL MEANING. OPEN

MEANS FREE, A RELIANCE ON THE INDIVIDUAL; CLOSED MEANS AUTHORITARIAN, EVEN DICTATORIAL, A RELIANCE ON THE COLLECTIVE.

THE UNITED NATIONS IS AN ALMOST DAILY BATTLEGROUND BETWEEN THE OPEN AND CLOSED SOCIETIES, AND THE CLOSED ONES REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY ARE WINNING MORE AND MORE OF THE BATTLES. BOTH KISSINGER AND VANCE ARE AWARE OF THIS SWING IN GLOBAL SENTIMENT AND VOTING POWER. NO DOUBT IT IN PART COLORED THE BACKGROUND OF THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY WHICH THEY PLAYED QUITE PROPERLY AS A SYMBOL OF CONTINUITY IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, AND WHICH THEY NEEDED AS A BASIS FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION BETWEEN THE FORD AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATIONS.

KISSINGER LEAVES FOR HIS LAST MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION TODAY. HE HAD GIVEN SOME THOUGHT TO THE IDEA OF INVITING THE SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE TO JOIN HIM. THAT IS, UNTIL HE LEARNED THAT IT WAS TO BE VANCE. THEN HE QUICKLY CHANGED HIS MIND. THE EUROPEANS KNOW VANCE; VANCE KNOWS THEM. THERE WOULD BE LITTLE POINT IN INTRODUCING ONE KNOWN QUANTITY TO ANOTHER. NO DOUBT KISSINGER IS CARRYING A MESSAGE OF SORTS FROM THE NEW ADMINISTRATION - NOTHING FORMAL, BECAUSE PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER REFUSES TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL IT IS LEGALLY HIS. BUT A MESSAGE NONETHELESS - THAT THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO REST ITS GLOBAL FOREIGN POLICY UPON THE CORNERSTONE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE; THAT CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ALLIES WILL COME BEFORE CLOSER RELATIONS WITH ADVERSARIES.

THE KISSINGER-VANCE MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST OF MANY DESIGNED TO ACQUAINT THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE WITH THE DETAILS AND THE INTRICACIES OF ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS. THE TWO MOST PRESSING, IT WOULD SEEM, ARE GETTING A STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA, AND ARRANGING FOR A GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST. ON BOTH THE SIGNS UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE FAVORABLE FOR PROGRESS, BUT THE SIGNS MAY BE MISLEADING. CARTER IS NOT YET IN OFFICE, HIS SO-CALLED CLUSTER OF FOREIGN POLICY ADVISORS NOT YET SELECTED OR COMPLETED. AND THE RUSSIANS, ARABS, AND THE ISRAELIS ARE ALL SENDING SMOKE SIGNALS TO PLAINS, GEORGIA HOPING TO CONVEY THE BEST IMPRESSION.

CARTER HAS STRESSED QUICK ACTION ON SALT AND THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT QUICK ACTION IS NOT NECESSARILY QUICK AGREEMENT. THERE IS HIGH EXPECTATION THAT CAN EASILY BE DISAPPOINTED ONCE THE NEGOTIATIONS GET STARTED IN EARNEST. ONE SIDE'S GOODWILL COULD BE INTERPRETED AS INTRANSIGENCE BY THE OTHER. THAT'S HAPPENED OFTEN ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

SO EVERYONE IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE TRANSITION. IT'S HARD WORK, BUT IT'S STILL NOT DECISION TIME. END QUOTE.

2. MARVIN KALB, CBS RADIO, WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP:

QUOTE: WHILE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FLIES OFF TO BRUSSELS, THE SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE CONTINUES HIS FIRST BUSY ROUND OF TALKS HERE IN WASHINGTON, CONFERRING WITH THE VISITING ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER GIULIO ANDREOTTI, THEN JOURNEYING UP TO CAPITOL HILL TO PAY HIS RESPECTS TO THE LEADERS OF CONGRESS. VANCE NEEDS THE NEXT TEN DAYS OR SO TO CLEAR UP HIS PERSONAL BUSINESS IN NEW YORK, WHERE HE IS A PARTNER IN A PRESTIGIOUS LAW FIRM BEFORE HE COMES TO WASHINGTON FOR GOOD. LATE YESTERDAY VANCE MET WITH KISSINGER, HIS FIRST ORIENTATION DURING THIS TRANSITION PERIOD BETWEEN THE FORD AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATIONS. KISSINGER PROMISED TO PROVIDE VANCE WITH ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND MESSAGES RELATING TO PAST AND CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, AND VANCE SAID THAT HE HAD COME TO LEARN, AND MIGHT USE KISSINGER'S, QUOTE,

"GREAT, GREAT TALENTS FOR SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE FUTURE." IT WAS A PORTRAIT OF CONTINUITY IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AS BOTH KISSINGER AND VANCE POSED FOR REPORTERS AND EXCHANGED COMPLIMENTS. END QUOTE.

3. STEVE BELL AND BARRIE DUNSMORE, ABC-TV "GOOD MORNING UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICA":

BELL:

QUOTE: CYRUS VANCE, THE DESIGNATE AS SECRETARY OF STATE, HAS HELD HIS FIRST TRANSITION MEETING WITH HENRY KISSINGER. THEY GOT TOGETHER AS KISSINGER PREPARED TO LEAVE THIS MORNING ON WHAT MAY BE HIS LAST OFFICIAL TRIP, AND ABC'S BARRIE DUNSMORE HAS A REPORT. UN QUOTE.

DUNSMORE:

QUOTE: KISSINGER WON'T BE TAKING VANCE WITH HIM TO BRUSSELS TO HIS FINAL NATO MEETING, THOUGH KISSINGER DID REVEAL THAT HE WILL BE TAKING A MESSAGE TO NATO FROM JIMMY CARTER WHICH WILL REAFFIRM CARTER'S COMMITMENT TO NATO. MEANTIME, THE TRANSITION AT STATE APPEARS TO BE RUNNING SMOOTHLY AS KISSINGER PROMISES FULL COOPERATION AND VANCE SPEAKS WARMLY OF KISSINGER. END QUOTE.

KISSINGER:

QUOTE: I WILL DO MY UTMOST TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THIS IS A TRANSITION IN WHICH MR. VANCE CAN TAKE OVER FROM THE FIRST DAY WITH ALL THE KNOWLEDGE AT HIS DISPOSAL, AND I WANT TO SAY AGAIN THAT I THINK IT IS A BRILLIANT APPOINTMENT. HE WILL HAVE MY FULL COOPERATION DURING THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION AND AFTERWARDS. END QUOTE.

VANCE:

QUOTE: THANK YOU, HENRY, VERY, VERY MUCH. I KNOW THAT WE CAN COUNT ON SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ADVISE AND HELP US, AND IF A TIME ARISES WHEN IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO USE HIS GREAT, GREAT TALENT, I WOULDNT HESITATE FOR A MOMENT.

4. FLOYD KALBER AND RICHARD VALERIANI, NBC-TV "TODAY":

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QUOTE: CYRUS VANCE, JIMMY CARTER'S CHOICE TO BE THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MET WITH THE OUTGOING SECRETARY, HENRY KISSINGER YESTERDAY. IT WAS THE FIRST OF SEVERAL SUCH SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR BETWEEN NOW AND THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATIONS NEXT MONTH. RICHARD VALERIANI REPORTS ON THIS. END QUOTE.

VALERIANI:

QUOTE: VANCE CAME TO CONFER WITH KISSINGER ON THE FIRST WORKING DAY FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS APPOINTMENT. THE TWO MEN, WHO HAVE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE PAST, INDICATED THE TRANSITION PERIOD WOULD BE ALL SWEETNESS AND LIGHT. END QUOTE.

KISSINGER:

QUOTE: I WILL DO MY UTMOST TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS A TRANSITION IN WHICH MR. VANCE CAN TAKE OVER FROM THE FIRST DAY WITH ALL THE KNOWLEDGE AT HIS DISPOSAL, AND I WANT TO SAY AGAIN THAT I THINK IT IS A BRILLIANT APPOINTMENT, AND HE WILL HAVE MY FULL COOPERATION DURING THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION AND AFTERWARDS. END QUOTE.

VANCE:

QUOTE: THANK YOU, HENRY, VERY, VERY MUCH. NOBODY COULD HAVE BEEN NICER AND MORE HELPFUL THAN THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN, AND HE AND I ARE GOING TO SPEND A GOOD DEAL OF TIME TOGETHER WHILE I LEARN FROM HIM. END QUOTE.

VALERIANI:

QUOTE: KISSINGER IS LEAVING TODAY ON HIS VALEDICTORY VOYAGE AS SECRETARY OF STATE. HE'S GOING TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS WHERE HE PLANS TO READ A STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER PLEDGING THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT FOR THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND PROMISING CONTINUITY IN AMERICAN POLICY IN EUROPE. END QUOTE.

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5. BARRIE DUNSMORE, ABC-TV EVENING NEWS:

QUOTE: CERTAINLY THERE ARE SOME STRIKING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO MEN, NOT THE LEAST OF THEM PHYSICAL. THEIR PERSONALITIES ARE LIKEWISE ON GREAT CONTRAST HOWEVER, THERE SEEMS TO BE A GENUINE MUTUAL ADMIRATION WHICH WAS EVIDENT AS THEIR FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF TRANSITION BEGAN TODAY.

(AFTER SHORT HAK/VANCE ON-CAMERA EXCHANGE DUNSMORE CONTINUED)

THERE ARE FEEL DIFFERENCES IN SUBSTANCE THAN IN STYLE BETWEEN THE TWO MEN. VANCE CONSIDERS STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION WITH THE SOVIETS A TOP PRIORITY, SO DID KISSINGER. VANCE SEES OPPORTUNITIES DEVELOPING FOR A NEW MIDDLE EAST INITIATIVE; AND ONCE AGAIN, SO DID KISSINGER. ONE MAJOR DIFFERENCE DOES APPEAR TO BE IN THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS; KISSINGER WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED, WHILE VANCE SEES THIS AS POSSIBLY MORE UPSETTING TO THE SOVIETS THAN TO THE WEST.

HOWEVER, THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE OF ALL IS THAT FACT THAT

WHILE HENRY KISSINGER WAS THE ARCHITECT OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, CYRUS VANCE WILL TAKE THE MORE TRADITIONAL ROLE OF BEING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF A FOREIGN POLICY MADE IN THE WHITE HOUSE. END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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